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Gets Favorable Report From  
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## NEAR-BEER BILL REPORTED

Measure Introduced for \$400,000  
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Raleigh, N. C. February 10.—In the Senate an immense amount of work was done in clearing the calendar, and in advancing bills on their readings, nearly all, however, being local measures.

Senator Cotton's bill to provide the Torrens land title system was reported favorably by the Committee on Agriculture, and was sent to the Committee on Judiciary.

The bill increasing the salary of judges received a favorable report from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, but action was deferred.

Dr. Kent's House bill, prohibiting the sale of near-beer, beer and other like drinks, was reported favorably, with an amendment by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and was made a special order for next Tuesday at noon, to give Senator Bassett time to prepare an amendment relating to the sale of cider.

The Senate received its usual daily quota of petitions against near-beer. Senator Martin, of Washington, introduced a bill to establish a State fisheries commission, and to protect the fisheries of the State, it being a duplicate of the commission bill pending in the House.

Senator Gardner introduced a bill to provide medals after fifteen years' service in State militia, and exempting military men from civil or criminal liability for acts committed under orders.

Senator Boyden introduced a bill to provide for medical inspection of school children in towns, having a population of 10,000 or over.

Especially notable bills introduced in the House were by Sikes to fix salaries of Supreme Court justices at \$14,500; Spainhour, to appropriate \$10,000 additional for public schools; Privat, to assist farmers by co-operative field experiments; Kent, to prevent carrying revolvers and sale of them, except to officers of the law.

The House passed on second reading the Battle bill to allow cities and towns to change charters or amend charters at will without legislative enactment. The bill was asked for by the North Carolina Municipal League, as allowing the adoption of the commission or other form of government. Out of precaution it is being passed one reading a day only by roll call.

A joint resolution was passed asking Congressmen to support a parcels post bill.

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